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Unity gov't talk hits fever pitch
SARAH HONG

TALK of renewed moves toward a national unity government reached a fever pitch yesterday.

The rumor mill started grinding furiously after a meeting late Sunday between Labor leader Shimon Peres and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

All four denied they were planning any specific moves. Sharon visited Peres at home and sources close to Sharon were quick to claim last night that there was nothing special in the meeting.

The Ramon and Levy conversation was ascribed two scenarios. One school of thought has it that both interlocutors find a national unity government to their advantage.

A second scenario speaks of Levy and Ramon hatching a grand scheme for a new centrist party to be composed of Levy's Geshet faction, Ramon's Ram faction from the Histadrut, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, Shas and even comedian Dudu Topaz.

Levy said that a "centrist party is not on the cards now since all parties, Right and Left, claim that they are the true political center. As for national unity it should be remembered that when there is a lot of noise in public, there is nothing happening in fact."

Labor MK Yossi Beilin, who has had talks with Likud MK Michael Eitan lately on the end goals in the negotiations with the PA, contributed to the speculation last night by asserting that "there is much more in common than is supposed. There is a surprising amount of common ground."



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and US Vice President Al Gore share a light moment at the CSCE meeting in Lisbon yesterday. (Reuters)

PM: There is calm on Syrian front

"THERE are clear signs of calm on the Syrian front," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday told Israeli reporters accompanying him on his visit to the OSCE conference in Lisbon.

"Of course," he added, "this does not exempt us from scrupulously guarding the security of the State of Israel."

Israel Radio reported that both France's President Jacques Chirac and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi separately told Netanyahu that such activity hurts the peace process.

Later today, Netanyahu heads to Spain and tomorrow, he holds talks in Ireland before returning home tomorrow night. Ireland currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Union.

Israeli-Arab fundamentalists split into two camps

THE fundamentalist Islamic Movement in Israel has split into two camps - one more pragmatic and the other more radical - following its historic decision earlier this year to run in Knesset elections, according to Dr. Elie Rekhess, an expert on the Israeli Arab sector.

Rekhess, has more affinity to - and even associations with - Islamic organizations in the territories, especially Hamas.

"A trend that is clearly emerging is the strengthening of this affinity between the radical element of the Islamic movement in Israel and the Islamic opposition, primarily Hamas, in the West Bank and Gaza," said Rekhess.

Mordechai: IDF needs money now

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that he hopes to resume negotiations with Arab countries, but needs a larger budget for the IDF to answer immediate security needs.

"I'm sure the IDF and the Defense Ministry have everything they need to continue to ensure the security and defense of the state. The IDF is one of the most modern forces in the world and one of the strongest in the Middle East with an excellent command and excellent units and has all the capabilities to do everything necessary," he said.

Aguda official denies he said Reform caused Holocaust

PINCHAS Horowitz, deputy chairman of Agudat Yisrael, yesterday denied saying the Reform Movement caused the Holocaust, but a recording appeared to indicate that if he did not actually say so, he implied it.

Reform had a movement and wanted to influence the public, while the secular Jew simply did not observe. "The Reform are the ones who do everything to destroy religion," he said.



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Israel awaits PA concessions

DAVID MAKOVSKY

HAVING dropped its insistence on explicit language enabling the IDF to reenter Palestinian-controlled parts of Hebron, Israeli negotiators are now waiting for reciprocal concessions on other outstanding issues related to a Hebron redeployment.

The drafting of the most contentious section of the protracted Hebron pullback talks is close to completion, officials say. "We are almost done with the drafting of the security responsibilities issue. There are just minor points left," an official said yesterday.

Last Tuesday, Israel verbally conveyed its willingness to the Palestinians to drop its insistence upon explicit wording that would give the IDF the right to reenter the estimated 80 percent of the city under Palestinian security control for purposes of foiling terror attacks.

On Sunday night, negotiators drafted language that would essentially reaffirm the applicability of a section of the Oslo II agreement to the Hebron deal. The section in question is apparently Annex I, Article XI(3a), which Israel interprets as enabling it to act preventively or preemptively if needed, and not just reactively. Yet, the Palestinians do not interpret this section in the same way.

The article section reads that "engagement shall mean an immediate response to an act or an incident constituting a danger to life or property that is aimed at preventing or terminating such an act or incident, or at apprehending its perpetrators."

Talks which could have wrapped up the section yesterday were not held, as top Israeli negotiator Yitzhak Molcho was not feeling well. Molcho's Palestinian counterpart is Saeb Erekat.

Some progress has been made on the issue of hot pursuit. Palestinian sources said. Differences still exist, but the gap between the two positions has narrowed, according to a negotiator.

Despite a sense of progress on the issue of reentry, Israeli negotiators are frustrated that the Palestinians have not reciprocated by making their own concession on the type of weaponry being deployed. Israel would like the Palestinians to essentially keep their rifles locked away or deployed immediately around their police stations, which are some distance from the Jewish settler areas.

Without a reciprocal Palestinian concession on guns, Israel has so far held out in resolving the opening of Shuhada Street and the market in Hebron - called for in the Oslo II accord. There has been some informal talk of opening Shuhada Street, which runs through the Jewish quarter, four to six months after a deal has been struck.

Apart from the Hebron issues, which are being headed by Molcho and Erekat, Prime Minister Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold has been discussing non-Hebron issues with Palestinian official Yasser Abed-Rabbo.

Among the issues being discussed, which would follow a Hebron deal, is a prisoner release. Palestinian negotiators have been pressing for the release of an Israeli. (Continued on Page 2)

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Fauzia Jibran visits her four-year-old daughter Liel at Schneider Childrens Medical Center for Israel, in Petah Tikva yesterday. The child last week received a lobe from her mother's liver in a revolutionary operation.

Police say 'modesty squad' apparently not involved in beating of haredi woman

Amit: Squads employ tactics of intimidation, but rarely use violence
EVELYN GORDON
THE haredi "modesty squads" in Jerusalem do not use violence, and do not appear to have any connection to the beating of Dalia Batzon last week, Jerusalem police chief Cdr. Arye Amit told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Police: Wakf plans to destroy Christian site

BILL HUTMAN
JERUSALEM police recently received intelligence information on plans by the Wakf, the Moslem religious authority, to demolish a Christian holy site on the Temple Mount. Police sent an urgent message to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani warning of dire consequences if this happened.

Haifa, Ashdod port workers back on the job after strike

DAVID RUDGE
WORK at the Haifa and Ashdod ports resumed yesterday, after employees ended a wildcat strike. They had been protesting proposed taxes that they said would cut salaries and pensions.

IDF tracker unit head indicted for smuggling heroin

THE head of the IDF Arava region's trackers unit was indicted yesterday in Beersheba District Court for smuggling a large quantity of heroin from Jordan.

Former Likud treasurer appeals sentence in fund-raising scam

MENAHEM ATZMON, who served as co-treasurer of the Likud with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert in 1988, appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday against his conviction for running a fund-raising scam during the 1988 campaign.

Health Ministry casts doubt on 'healthier' egg claim

JUDY SIEGEL
THE Health Ministry yesterday warned against advertisements for enriched eggs that it claimed were "misleading."

Jerusalem councillors approve renovations to PM's residence

BILL HUTMAN
A CONTROVERSIAL renovation plan for the prime minister's residence was approved yesterday by the Jerusalem Municipality's planning committee.

Several AIDS groups boycott Knesset talks

EVERY year the Knesset marks international AIDS day, and every year MKs from haredi parties boycott it. So what was different this year? This time, the discussions in parliament were boycotted by the umbrella organization for 15 non-governmental groups dealing with AIDS and human rights.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rachel's Tomb to remain closed on Shabbat
The Religious Affairs Ministry has rejected a request by settlers and Gilo residents to open Rachel's Tomb on Shabbat so they could pray there.

Filmmaker donated funds for research
The late American filmmaker Sam Spiegel donated \$500,000 to Israel's National Academy of Sciences to establish a new fund for promoting research into and publication of Jewish manuscripts from the Middle Ages.

Nurses conference today in Jerusalem
The prevention of venereal diseases among Ethiopian immigrant girls, cultural differences in reaction to post-surgical pain, treatment of patients undergoing a sex change, home-care for children with cancer, and the effects of the Patients' Rights Law on nursing are among the topics to be discussed at the 10th national conference of the Israel Nurses' Association.

Arab councils to pitch protest tent

DAVID RUDGE
ISRAELI Arab council heads plan to pitch a protest tent outside the Prime Minister's Office Sunday as part of a campaign to press the government to bail-out their debt-ridden local authorities.

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Russia attacks plans to expand NATO at security conference

LISBON (Reuters) - Russia attacked NATO's plans for enlargement, and Belarus came under fire at a security summit yesterday, sounding a jarring note as some 50 nations met to try and build lasting peace in Europe for the next century.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin told assembled leaders that NATO would create new fault lines on the continent if it went ahead with plans to take in countries from Eastern Europe as new members.

"Is it not clear that the appearance of new dividing lines would lead to a worsening of the whole geopolitical situation in the world?" Chernomyrdin asked the opening session of the two-day meeting.

The last summit of the 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), two years ago in Budapest, was

wrecked by a row on the same issue and differences over Bosnia.

The United States and NATO secretary-general Javier Solana insisted that the alliance posed no threat to anyone and that it wanted to cooperate with Russia.

"NATO has been and remains a defensive alliance... It poses no threat to any other state," US Vice President Al Gore told the summit. "The stability that NATO can help extend to Central Europe can help ensure the security of all nations."

"We will continue to try and reassure the Russians. I hope we will manage to do so," Solana told Reuters.

Gore later told reporters that plans for a NATO summit next year, which would name the new countries to join the alliance, would go ahead on schedule despite Russian opposition.

Czech Prime Minister Vaclav

Klaus told reporters his country still expected to be among the first to join the alliance and added: "We do not think our membership is aimed against Russia."

However, the Lisbon meeting did reach agreement on an issue of concern to Russia - adapting and extending a Cold War-era arms treaty which Moscow says no longer reflects reality.

A new round of talks on conventional arms reductions in Europe is expected to start in Vienna in January as a result.

The crises in Belarus and Serbia also detracted from the summit's intended harmony. Western nations told Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, accused of trying to acquire dictatorial powers, to put the former Soviet republic back on the track to democracy. A defiant Lukashenko responded by telling leaders to mind their own business.



A Moslem militant waves the victory sign as he leaves a Cairo state security court yesterday. The court sentenced five Moslem militants to death for killing civilians and policemen in the south in 1993. (Reuters)

Yeltsin to dismiss top Russian general

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The commander of Russia's land forces faced being sacked yesterday for actions incompatible with his post but the Kremlin said President Boris Yeltsin had yet to sign the order dismissing him.

Gen. Vladimir Semyonov, 56, said he was stunned by the news and denied any wrongdoing.

He told the *Izvestia* newspaper he had been called in by Defense Minister Igor Rodionov on Friday evening and told he was being sacked because of serious allegations about unspecified "commercial activities" of his wife, who works in the Moscow office of Rosventol, a Russian helicopter manufacturer.

The Defense Ministry said

Semyonov was fired "for actions which discredit the honor and dignity of a serviceman and are incompatible with his post."

But later a Kremlin statement said the dismissal order had yet to be signed, but it said Yeltsin "agreed in principle" with it.

The presidential press service said the ministry had dismissed the general by presenting the dismissal as a fait accompli when it had not yet been formalized.

"This is wholly unexpected," Interfax news agency quoted Semyonov as saying. "I have not received any concrete and convincing accusations from the defense minister and the reasons for my dismissal remain unclear."

BBC urged to censure Alastair Cooke over rape remarks

LONDON (AP) - The BBC has been urged to impose stricter editorial controls over Alastair Cooke, its veteran commentator on American affairs, after a broadcast in which he allegedly made sexist remarks.

Commenting on a survey that showed 4 percent of women in the US armed forces had been raped or suffered attempted rape, Cooke, 88, said he thought the men "showed remarkable restraint" and wondered aloud why the figure was so low.

The remarks came in the November 24 edition of his "Letter from America," the sometimes acerbic and often witty weekly commentary he has written and recorded for BBC radio since March 1946.

BBC spokeswoman Stella Tooth said it had received "a very small number of complaints" from the public, although some BBC presenters have criticized Cooke.

Writer and broadcaster Bel Mooney told *The Times* newspaper that BBC editors must restrain Cooke. "He is a man of a certain generation and maybe that sort of remark was acceptable when he was young," she said. "Today it is not, and the BBC should check what he writes."

"Alastair is an institution, but perhaps he has passed his sell-by date," *The Times* quoted an unidentified BBC presenter as saying.

"The remark was not sexist - more of a facetious aside. But it should have been picked up by an editor because it could be seen as gratuitously offensive."

The BBC defended Cooke in a statement yesterday.

"Alastair Cooke has a right to express his personal view, within the bounds of legality, on an issue currently creating a stir in America," the statement said.

Although "Letter from America" is not broadcast in the US, Cooke is well known in American journalism circles. From 1971 to 1993, he presented "MasterpieceTheater" on PBS.

New militancy worries for India after 12 die in Punjab train blast

AMBALA, India (Reuters) - A bomb shattered a sleeper coach in an Indian train early yesterday, killing 12 passengers and injuring 37 in what police said could mark a surge in separatist violence in the volatile Punjab region.

The blast and ensuing inferno destroyed the sleeper compartment and damaged an adjoining carriage at Ambala station near Chandigarh, capital of the northern state of Punjab.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility. But police said they feared the blast could be part of an escalation of violence before state assembly elections in Punjab due by February.

Police said they believed the sophisticated

explosive RDX was used but they were still investigating.

For a decade until the early 1990s, Punjab state was torn by a Sikh separatist revolt in which at least 20,000 people died.

The explosion was believed to be the deadliest attack on a train in the region since Sikh militants stopped a train near Ludhiana city in late 1991 and systematically slaughtered at least 53 passengers, mostly Hindus.

Police said a senior leader of a splinter group of the regional Akali Dal party was gunned down Sunday night.

Bachitar Singh, a former state legislator from the Akali Dal (Badal) faction, was ambushed by five gunmen who opened fire on

the jeep in which he was travelling in Ropar district of Punjab, about 20 km from Chandigarh, they said. The Akali Dal is the political arm of Sikhs who oppose separatist violence in Punjab state.

Separatist militancy has largely died down in Punjab, which held its last state assembly elections in 1992 under tight security and a boycott by separatist groups.

Witnesses said it took rescuers nearly half an hour to show up, and that the raging blaze in the wood and steel carriage prevented them from reaching any victims for two hours. After battling the fire, rescuers pulled 10 bodies from the charred carriage. Two injured passengers died later.

New Moldovan president was Kremlin insider

CHISINAU (Reuters) - Petru Lucinschi, who was once a leading communist official in the Kremlin, was elected president of Moldova, after beating the former Soviet republic's first post-independence leader in a run-off vote on Sunday.

Preliminary results yesterday gave the 56-year-old chairman of the national parliament an eight-point win over President Mircea Snegur, with 54 percent to 46%. Turnout was 72%, compared to 67% in the November 17 first round.

Lucinschi, who was secretary of the Communist Party central committee in the final days of the Soviet Union, presents himself as a social democrat in the mold of other east European ex-communists who have won back power through elections.

Favoring good relations with Moscow, he attacked as "savage capitalism" Snegur's plans for faster market reforms, such as the complete privatization of rural Moldova's land.

Flower girls lead anti-Milosevic demonstration

BELGRADE (Reuters) - Some 20,000 students led by girls carrying flowers demonstrated against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade yesterday in defiance of a government threat to crack down on two weeks of street unrest.

Chanting protesters, blowing trumpets and waving football raffles, jeered at knots of police who watched as the march weaved through central Belgrade, gathering support despite a snow storm.

"They teach us to think for ourselves at university, but now Slobodan and his mates expect us to switch off our brains when they speak," a philosophy student said. "Only a five year old would be fooled by this."

The size of the turnout indicated that a warning from the socialist government on Sunday that police were running out of patience with daily demonstrations had failed to cool dissent.

Britain reflected international dismay over Milosevic's handling of a crisis that sprang from his rigging local elections last month.

"We call on the Serbian authorities to respect the democratic right of peaceful demonstration without qualification," a Foreign Office statement said in London.

With no sign of the protests flagging, political sources said the government was desperately seeking a way out of the dispute that would enable it to save face. It cancelled a session of the Serbian parliament scheduled for today, when the Zajedno (Together) coalition of opposition parties was due to demand that the disputed elections be set aside.

Zajedno threatened to start a boycott of parliament if the results were allowed to stand, robbing it of victories it claimed in Belgrade and other cities.

Although the police presence was unobtrusive again yesterday, Milosevic has mobilized large reserves of security forces in readiness.

The rolling protests, attracting up to 100,000 people, are demanding Milosevic's removal in the longest sustained challenge he has faced in nine years of power.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clinton 'thrilled' by reports of Yeltsin recovery
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - US President Bill Clinton said yesterday he was "thrilled" by reports of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's recovery from heart surgery last month.

"We're all thrilled at the reports we get of President Yeltsin's excellent recovery from his surgery," Clinton said at an event honouring US astronaut Shannon Lucid, who spent more than six months on the Russian space station Mir.

Yeltsin, 65, underwent quintuple heart bypass surgery on November 5.

Doctors hopeful Mother Teresa will recover
CALCUTTA (Reuters) - Mother Teresa said her prayers and ate lunch sitting in a chair yesterday, and doctors said they were optimistic the 86-year-old nun would recover from her third heart surgery in five years.

"She is stable and we are very optimistic about her recovery," US doctor Patricia Aubanel, a member of the medical team treating the Roman Catholic missionary, told reporters at Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research Center.

Mother Teresa, considered by many a living saint for her devotion to the poor, destitute and dying, had surgery on Friday to clear two blocked coronary arteries. She is also suffering kidney and lung problems, as well as pneumonia.

Keep your lazy cow happy - on a waterbed
AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - A Dutch rubber factory has begun producing waterbeds for cows - and its first clients are crazy about the product, the daily *De Volkskrant* said yesterday.

About 180 of the luxury bovine mattresses have been delivered to a farmer in England whose herd has taken to them so well that another 100 are on order.

The cows were initially wary of the tough, water-filled rubber mats, which can be filled with hot water for extra pampering but, having tried them once, they did not want to get off, the daily quoted the farmer as saying. He was not named.

"It is good for a cow to lie comfortably. Then she will produce more milk," a salesman at the Dunlop-Enerka factory in Drachten said. "Cows can be compared to top athletes: under the best circumstances they will give their greatest performances."

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Furthermore, we believe that this right has been hallowed by history, by sacrifice, by prayer, and by the yearning for peace. For Biblical, historical, humanitarian and legal reasons, we believe that Jerusalem is non-negotiable. Enough is enough! Our opinion was not considered when you were pressured to rip Jericho out of the Bible. Should we apologize to Moses and Joshua?

Jerusalem has been leveled to the ground five times and changed hands twenty-six times throughout history, as nations have desecrated your beloved city, turning it into a city of destruction.

We support Jerusalem D.C., (David's Capital), not Jerusalem C.D., (the citadel of destruction).

There is no possibility that Bible-believing Christians can support a divided Jerusalem. Yassir Arafat is wrong about East Jerusalem in wanting to claim it as the capital of his Palestinian state. His statement in saying that East Jerusalem, "is part of the land that has been occupied since 1967," is incorrect.

History records that East Jerusalem has been occupied from 597 B.C. to 1967, as nation after nation has attempted to take East and West Jerusalem from the Jewish people.

America has invested hundreds of billions of dollars since 1973, purchasing Arab oil. It is our prayer that Mr. Arafat and his Arab colleagues would invest a portion of our billions in improving the human rights of the Palestinian people, and that he would do for them what the Jewish people have done for Jerusalem and the land of Israel, that was reborn in '48 through hard work and sacrifice, draining the swamps and planting trees on the barren hills, rebuilding the Bible land in fulfillment of prophecy. It belongs to the Jewish people, and, more importantly, the title deed belongs to G-d Almighty. We pray that Mr. Arafat will proceed with the peace process and not return to terrorism. The vast majority of Christians have stopped visiting Bethlehem and Jericho because of gun-waving terrorists roaming the streets, having no respect for human rights.

If Jerusalem, G-d forbid, was divided, and East Jerusalem was given to Arafat, then it would be a citadel of destruction and we believe all of our Christian holy sites would be ultimately desecrated. Our prayer is that Jerusalem, Israel's eternal Capital, will be respected as such and that there will be no more weeping prophets because of land being traded for peace, a peace that still has not arrived.

Surely the prophet Amos is rejoicing because of the courageous stand the people of Israel are making concerning your beloved city, Jerusalem and your security. **THERE IS A G-D.** 'And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled out of their land which I have given them,' says the Lord thy G-d."

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Marlen Williams Binghamen
Mrs. June Birdsong
Christopher Birdsong
Marsha Lee Black
Druocla C. Blindt
Kathrine C. Borbonus
Rozie Boyd
Joseph & Gracie Britton
Joseph Ray Britton
Anthony D. Britton
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Mrs. Corn Butje
Lillie Mae Burch
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Louise Hugh Calaway
Joseph & Maxine Cardoni
Bill & Nancy Carpenter
In honor of: Billy Jay Driver
Olson L. Carpenter
William & Bobby Chapman
Eleanor E. Glason
Catherine Endres
Ann Conant
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David
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Dan
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Edward & Maria Connerly
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Craig
Mitchell & Peggy Cross
Carmon & Ann Marie Cross
Jeff & Malynia Olson
Tonya, Angie & Chelsea Cross
Roscoe Crum, Jr.
Janice Dando
Margaret Davenport
Carmen Davis

Goldie Decker
Charles James DeFider
Ruby Donaldson
David Dunlap
Gloria Edwards
Janice Edwards
Miles Evans
Carolyn Evans
Shirley Evans
Rachael Evans
Michael Evans
Michelle Evans
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Ashley
Jason
Joshua
Richard & Rose Florie
Debra J. Fox
Lillian G. Gallant
Mrs. Victoria Gay
Ronald & Judith Geuder
Betty Gouldman
Merion Dudley
Angie
Bobby
Mike
Mike Gladieux
Pam Gladieux
Almae Gladieux
Ben Gladieux
Nicole Gladieux
Sherry Gow
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David Christian Guilford
Varda Silver
Ed & Ann Harwell
Jimmy Franklin Hicks
Betty & Don Hill
Kevin, Karen & Ryan Heath
Betsy & Andrew Heath
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Floyd Hinnor
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Katie Host
James & Patricia Hubbard
Loretta Humphrie
James Cyrus
Bessie Cyrus
Louise Mae Humphrie
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Christina Lopez
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Sharon & Craig Lacey
Richard Mabry
Cheryl Hardy
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Chris Conzessa
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Dale & Jason Algo
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Nellie Brewster
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Richard & Winston Johnson
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Ray & Renee Kaufman
Steven Kaufman
Sandra Kaufman
Dorlene F. Kenworthy
Park F. Kline
Leona Marie Koelgen
Jane Leonard
Margaret Leonard
June & John McAllister
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Joseph McAllister
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Steve, Lindsay & Bailey

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John William Bernard
Mrs. JoAnn Bernard
Jean Pinkham
Jane Ostrander
Dana Vicknar
Ima Vicknar
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Dr. & Mrs. Allen F. Schaurenman
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Cynthia R. Binger
Robert L. Sanger
Eric Roberts
Lorne Bruns
Oliver Bruns I
Oliver Bruns II
Mrs. Marthe E. Briggs
Scott Briggs
Charles Chase
Ethel E. Comeaux
Percy Leroy Crockett Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fenty
Pat Holmes
Michael Lammons
Thomas R. Holmes
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tuesday, December 3, 1996

Visa Israel: We are not a monopoly

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL Credit Cards, the licensee of Visa in Israel, is not a monopoly according to the antitrust law...

If ICC is declared a monopoly it will be subject to many limitations, mainly connected to the services offered to consumers...

November budget deficit at NIS 881m.

DAVID HARRIS

INITIAL government figures suggest the November budget deficit totalled NIS 881 million, the Treasury reported yesterday.

to be decided upon in the Treasury today or more probably tomorrow, giving Meridor time to consider these latest economic statistics.

has been a 28% decline in income from property tax, this, said the Finance Ministry, is because of the lack of real estate deals in the market-place.

High Court upholds Paz, Sonol gas-station compromise

EVELYN GORDON

PAZ and Sonol will presumably release 64 gas stations from long-term supply contracts soon, after the High Court of Justice upheld a compromise agreement...

the gas companies would cancel their appeals and promise to obey his rules for signing supply contracts in the future.



The building which until Sunday was the largest McDonald's restaurant in the world stands anonymous in central Beijing yesterday after all the signs were removed.

Shekem almost doubles its third-quarter loss

COMPANY RESULTS GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SHEKEM finished the third quarter with almost double the loss it made in the same period last year.

short-term shekel financing, high interest rates and the relatively moderate rise in the Consumer Price Index.

profit of NIS 53m. in the same period last year. Revenue rose 8% to NIS 965m.

Agan, Makhteshim buy Brazil chemical company for \$20m.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MAKHTESHIM and Agan, both subsidiaries of Koor Industries, have each purchased a 42.5% stake in Defenpar Participacoes, a Brazilian company engaged in agro-chemicals...

Defenpar is a holding company mainly engaged in production and marketing of crop-protection chemicals, primarily through its subsidiary Defensa-Industria De Defensivos Agricolas.

Reading between the lines... you have time for trading action until 11 PM. ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

Strike paralyzes French energy giant Elf Aquitaine

PARIS (Reuters) - French oil giant Elf Aquitaine said its domestic refineries were shut for the fifth day yesterday as workers continued a strike to defend jobs and unions called for protests at other plants.

or cause other disruption over wider cost-cutting in the oil industry. "We are having a series of general assemblies today and that will decide how we go on from here," a spokesman for the oil branch of France's largest union, the CFDT, said yesterday.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cellcom users will be able to see the phone number of fellow Cellcom subscribers even before they accept the call. The new service, which starts Wednesday, initially involves all Cellcom-to-Cellcom calls and only some calls via Bezeq lines.

Express mail with Tunisia launched: The Postal Authority this week began an express mail service with Tunisia. The charge for packages up to half a kilo is NIS 82.

The Knesset Economic Affairs Committee last week rejected the Tourism Ministry's request to cancel a regulation requiring Israeli tour groups overseas to be accompanied by a licensed escort.

Eilat bills itself as part of the 'Red Sea Riviera': Eilat will henceforth be promoted as part of the "Red Sea Riviera," according to Aharon Dekel, chairman of the Eilat Hotel Association.

The shine comes off polished-diamond exports: Polished-diamond exports totalled \$377 million in November, down 8 percent on the same month last year.

Textile exports decreased by 4.8% in the first nine months, compared to the same period last year, the Manufacturers Association reported this week.

Leumi and Partners invests \$6m., takes 50% stake in Elrov: Leumi and Partners signed an agreement to buy 50% of Techno Rev, a subsidiary of Elrov which controls Elrov Technologies.

Housing sales rose 25% last month: The number of apartments sold in November was 25% higher than in any of the recent months, when sales have been very low.

Eilat's Palmira Hotel joins international booking system: The Palmira Hotel in Eilat has become part of the Golden Tulip international reservations system, which is affiliated with KLM, the Dutch airline.

IAI Ramta to sell Super Dvora to India

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS. Table with columns for Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) and Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates. Includes sub-tables for Currency deposit rates and Checks and Transfers.

Key Representative Rates table showing U.S. Dollar, Sterling, and German mark rates.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET table showing various market indices.

Other stock market indexes table including FTSE 100 and Nikkei 225.

Israeli stocks in US table listing various Israeli companies.

NYSE / NASDAQ / OTC table listing various stocks.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

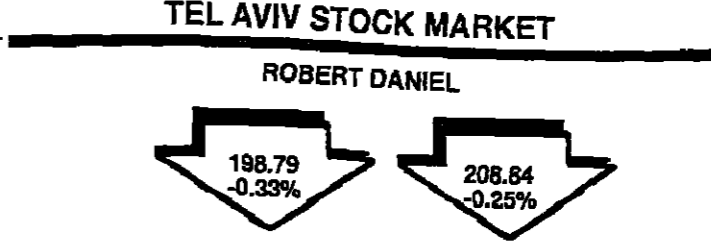
Main Tel Aviv Stocks table with columns for Name, Price, Change, Volume, and % Change.

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices for various countries including New York, London, and Frankfurt.

Stocks slip on weak earnings, loss reports



Two-Sided index Maof Index

STOCKS fell after a number of major companies reported lower earnings or losses, closing out what analysts said was otherwise a better-than-expected earnings season.

Bezeq dropped 1.75%. It reported yesterday that third-quarter earnings dropped 9% on higher expenses.

German shares hit record as other Eurobourses slip

LONDON (Reuters) - German shares powered to a record close yesterday, building on last week's rally with help from the strong dollar, which rose to almost a six-week high against the mark.

US shares mixed; retail stocks prosper

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks turned mixed yesterday after recovering with bonds from concerns that robust holiday sales and other signs of economic strength may jostle the tame inflation and interest rate outlook.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table showing currency cross-rates for Mark, Sterling, Yen, Sfr, and FF.

מקלסן

Study reveals 'Hitler's Jews'

TOM GROSS

RESEARCH published yesterday revealed that 77 "high-ranking officers who were of mixed Jewish race or married to a Jew" served in the Wehrmacht, the German armed forces, having been given a declaration by Hitler, who knew of their Jewish origins...

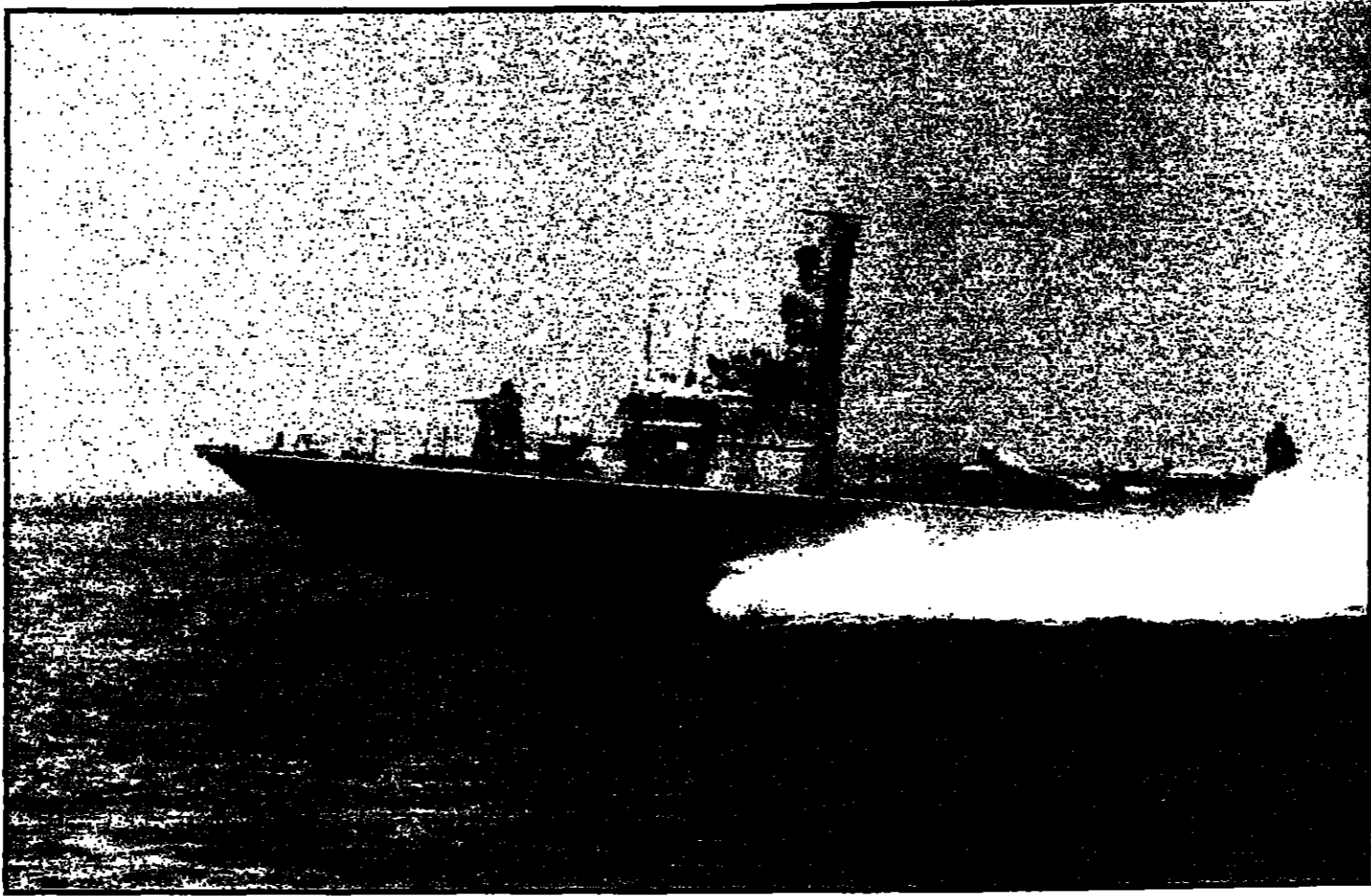


Helmut Schmidt, an officer in the Luftwaffe and later a German chancellor, had a Jewish grandfather.

Third Way supports budget proposal

EVELYN GORDON

THE Third Way announced yesterday that it will support the 1997 budget, and called on the rest of the coalition to "show responsibility" and do the same.



A Super-Dvora patrol boat, which is to be built for the Indian Navy in a project announced yesterday, cruises the Mediterranean. (Story, page 8)

Ethiopian immigrant organization accuses PM of political appointments

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Unified Organization of Ethiopian Immigrants yesterday charged that the prime minister was trying to appoint a Likud member to head the community's cultural heritage foundation as a political pay-off.

"I am ashamed that I have to tell you this, but I have orders from above," Shamir reportedly said. The Absorption Ministry spokesman was not available yesterday evening for comment.

persons involved in setting up Beit Hatefutsot, Messala said, adding that "his status and that of the institute are above political considerations."

Milo reassures Tel Aviv: No haredi takeover while I'm here

MICHAL YUDELMAN

TEL Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo yesterday came out strongly against the haredi threat of religious coercion in Tel Aviv, announcing that "as long as I'm the mayor here, Tel Aviv will remain a free city and there is no way, under any circumstances, that we will allow the haredim to take over here."

the status quo in Tel Aviv, we simply won't let them do it. Tel Aviv is a free, tolerant city where for years religious and secular people, Jews and Arabs, lived together in tolerance," Milo said.

Beilin may announce candidacy for Labor leadership today

MK Yossi Beilin may announce that he will contend for the Labor Party leadership at a press conference he called for this morning. Beilin discussed the possibility of presenting his candidacy with Labor chairman Shimon Peres and other party leaders after last Thursday's central committee meeting, which set the date for the end of Peres's term as party leader and scheduled the leadership showdown for June 3 next year.

Aloni warns against 'Jewish ayatollahs'

MICHAL YUDELMAN

FORMER Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni yesterday charged that haredi leaders are "sort of ayatollahs, Iran style," who with their aggressive missionary activity want to impose by violent means their norms on all of Israeli society.

and secular communities will lead to a civil war. Aloni said the haredi public is "extreme, zealous and missionary, and believes it has a monopoly on Judaism. They have tens of thousands of strong, healthy young men, thugs who do not serve in the army and live at the public's expense and want to impose their way of life on the rest of us."

WEATHER map of Israel showing temperatures and forecasts for various cities like Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beer Sheva, and Dead Sea.

AROUND THE WORLD table listing temperatures and weather conditions for cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chicago, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, and Los Angeles.

Winning cards In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, the queen of hearts, the jack of diamonds and the king of clubs.

Ministry comptrollers want independence

INTERNAL ministry comptrollers are not as effective as they could be. That's because they depend on their ministries for funds, and because ministry director-generals determine the parameters of audits, several ministry comptrollers told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Relatives of Grozny hostage await news of fate

THE family of a Grozny Jew captured by Chechnyan rebels anxiously was awaiting news of his fate last night, but officials in Jerusalem said no word had yet been received about whether the man had been traced.

Officer, NCOs plead not guilty to causing soldier's death by negligence

The head of an IDF workshop, Maj. Itamar Levy, and four soldiers under his command - Sgt. Maj. Prosper Aberjil, Sgt. Maj. Avi Hazan, CWO Elhan Tuval and Sgt. Maj. Abraham Yisraeli - pleaded not guilty yesterday in Haifa Military Court to causing a soldier's death by negligence. St. Sgt. Fredrik...

Advertisement for 'A TRIBUTE TO IDF A PRAYER FOR THE SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL' featuring two posters with prayers for soldiers in English and Hebrew. Includes contact information for The Jerusalem Post.

Advertisement for 'WOMAN OF VALOUR' book, described as one of the most beautiful passages in the Bible. Includes contact information for The Jerusalem Post.